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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application. Applicant requests a one month extension or until February 7, 2003, to respond to the Office Action dated October 7, 2002. Our check in the amount of \$55.00 is attached to cover the one month extension of time fee.

Acknowledgment of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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